## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NORTH DAKOTA

United States of America,	)	
Plaintiff,	) ORDER	
vs.	)	
Alexander Garcia Colon,	) Case No. 1:16-cr-0	)52
Defendant.	)	

Defendant is in custody awaiting sentencing.<sup>1</sup> He is being housed at the Heart of America Correctional and Treatment Center ("HACTC") in Rugby, North Dakota. He previously filed a motion requesting to be conditionally release pending final disposition of this matter. The court denied the motion, citing, amongst other things, outstanding arrests for defendant in South Dakota.

On August 18, 2017, he filed a "Motion to Attend South Dakota Sentencing by ITV and Subsequent Release to a Halfway House." In an effort to dispose of his outstanding warrants, he requests the court's permission to appear for sentencing on the South Dakota matter via video from HACTC and thereafter be released to a residential facility pending sentencing in this matter. He anticipates that the court in South Dakota will (1) impose a sentence commensurate with time he has spent in federal custody, and (2) fully credit the time he has spent in federal custody.

Although the court appreciates the efforts undertaken by defendant to dispose of his outstanding South Dakota warrants, the court is not inclined to grant his request to facilitate his appearance on an out-of-state matter via video. Defendant is currently in the custody of the Attorney

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Defendant executed a plea agreement and on March 17, 2017, entered a plea to the offenses charged in Counts One and Three of the Indictment. (Doc. Nos. 245, 259). The plea agreement provides in relevant part that, at sentencing, the Government will recommend a term of imprisonment within the applicable guideline range, or the minimum mandatory, whichever is greater. (Doc. No. 245).

General, whose designated representative--the United States Marshal--apparently objected to a similar request lodged by defendant in January 2017. In so doing, the United States Marshal was acting within his discretionary authority.<sup>2</sup>

Defendant's motion (Docket No. 354) is **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 22nd day of August, 2017.

/s/ Charles S. Miller, Jr., Charles S. Miller, Jr., Magistrate Judge United States District Court

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Defendant can take solace in the fact that he will continue to earn credit toward any term of imprisonment that the court may impose at sentencing.